

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions of claims in the application.

**LISTING OF THE CLAIMS:**

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A digital camera which accesses a recording medium having a plurality of folders to store a plurality of image files to each of which a file number is assigned, comprising:

an acceptor for accepting a selecting operation to select any one of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium;

a first pointer to point ~~any one of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium~~  
a folder selected by the selecting operation as a record destination folder;

a second pointer to point any one of the plurality of folders formed in said recording medium as a reproducing destination folder;

a third pointer to point any one of the image files stored in said reproducing destination folder;

a writer for writing a new image file accommodating photographed image data to the record destination folder when a recording instruction is issued; and

a first changer to change a point destination of said second pointer and a point destination of said third pointer to a point destination of said first pointer and the new image file, respectively, in association with a writing process of said writer, wherein said writer includes a

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detector to detect a maximum file number from among the file numbers which are assigned to the image files stored in the record destination folder, and an assigner to assign a file number continuous from the maximum file number detected by said detector to the new image file, and said assigner can assign the same file number to different folders.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a folder number assigner for assigning different folder numbers respectively to the folders formed in said recording medium, wherein said first pointer holds a folder number of the record destination folder, said second pointer holds a folder number of the reproducing destination folder, and said first changer sets the folder number held by said first pointer to said second pointer.

Claims 3-4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising: a selector for selecting a designated folder as the reproducing destination folder; and a second changer for changing only the pointing destination of said second pointer among said first pointer and said second pointer to a folder selected by said selector.

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Claim 6 (Previously Presented): A digital camera according to claim 1, further comprising a reproducer for reproducing an image file specified by said second pointer and said third pointer when a reproducing instruction is issued.

Claim 7 (New): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein said detector detects the maximum file number prior to the recording instruction.

Claim 8 (New): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein said acceptor accepts the selecting operation in an interval of the recording instructions.

Claim 9 (New): A digital camera according to claim 1, wherein any of the folders noted for the selecting operation is a still image folder, and any of the image files stored in the still image folder is a still image file.